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CHURCHWIDE NAMIBIAN OFFERING

After many years of waiting, longing, praying and struggling, Namibia appears to be standing on the brink of independence. The return to Namibia of more than 50,000 refugees is now underway. Elections for a Namibian National Assembly scheduled to be held on November 1 are to lead to Namibian independence. This is something for which the ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have prayed and worked long and hard over the years.

Namibia was originally colonized by Germany and became a mandated territory of the League of Nations after World War I. Administered since by South Africa, under the name of South-West Africa, it has been subjected to the apartheid policy of its powerful neighbor. Of the country's 1.2 million people, 70% are Christians. Lutherans constitute more than half of these. We thank God for the Namibian Church and its leadership, who, with courage and fortitude, have been an integral part of the suffering of Namibian people and their aspiration for liberation.

The "long walk to freedom is not over." The struggle to build a new nation is just beginning. We in the ELCA are challenged to continue to use our energies and resources to help our sisters and brothers in Namibia as they participate in the very important work of transition to independence for their country.

One of the significant events at the Churchwide Assembly which convenes in Chicago this month, will be an offering which will be sent to our sister churches in Namibia.

In a recent communication received from Bishop Chilstrom, each synod has been encouraged to join the Churchwide Assembly offering, and to promote at the local congregational level a similar offering. In this way, it is hoped not only to increase the amount of money received at the Assembly, but also to lift up in one more way the faithful struggle of our brothers and sisters in Namibia, and engage the people of the ELCA in it.

Bishop Knutson encourages all of us to continue to pray for the success of the independence process, and to contribute to this special Namibia support fund. Prior to November 1 (Namibian Election Day), you are encouraged to designate one Sunday for a day of special offering for Namibia. Please remit this gift through the normal channels of the Region I Financial Services Office.

Paraphrasing Psalm 133, we join The Rev. Zephania Kameeta of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia, with this prayer:

How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
to be healed of the corrosive disease of racism and separation;
and to live as God's people together in harmony.
The Spirit of the Lord will then fill the hearts
and the minds of all the people.
Nobody will be judged any more on the basis of race or colour;
but all will be ruled with justice and integrity.

The war will end and the people together will rebuild the country.
There will be no reference to the colour of the skin,
for all will be regarded as the people of God,
the people he created in his image.
And this will be the beginning of what the Lord has promised —
the life that never ends.

L. Paul Bartling

1990 YOUTH MINISTRY POSTER

Here's an opportunity for the artists among us! Submit your design for the 1990 Youth Ministry Poster by Sept. 15 to Dave Ellingson, Region I, 766-B John St., Seattle, WA 98109-5236.

Theme: "Go Into The World"
Size: 8 1/2" x 11"

Illustrations will be judged by a panel, and a cash prize will be awarded to the winner. All entries will be displayed at the fall Regional Youth Gathering in Seattle. The entry need not be a finished drawing, but an explanation of how it would be finished is a necessary part of the entry.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Lutheran World Relief has been accepted as a member of the International Service Agencies (ISA) and has met all requirements to participate in the Federal Employee Fund-Raising Program. This is important because, beginning in 1990, federal employees will have the opportunity to designate a portion of their wages as a payroll deduction to Lutheran World Relief.

Please share this information with members of your congregation who are federal employees, civilian or military, so they are aware that they can designate contributions to their own Lutheran relief and development agency during the 1990 Combined Federal Campaign.

PASTOR MILTON HALLETT HONORED

Pastor Milton Hallett, Western Region Building and Finance staff consultant for the ELCA Division for Outreach, celebrated 30 years as a consultant for the Church and was presented an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from California Lutheran University. Hallett serves congregations in Regions I, II and parts of Region IV. In the past 30 years he has assisted over 3,000 congregations in building programs.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, is making available five full-tuition and fee scholarships for qualifying freshmen students who represent a minority group and are members of an ELCA congregation. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to the church, have potential as leaders in the church, and be nominated by their pastor. Awards are renewable. Nominations or inquiries should be made to Steve Lovik, Director of Admission, by calling (515) 582-8130.

OPEN HEARING FOR THE STUDY OF MINISTRY

Be sure to clear your schedule to atten our synod's Open Hearing for the Study o Ministry on October 2 at St. John Seattle. The format will generall involve the following:

1) Two 2-hour hearings (3-5 and 7-9 pm)
2) A brief progress report on the study
3) Opportunity for brief oral comments
4) Opportunity for written comments

All participants will be invited to fil out a simple registration card. Two Tas Force members (Dr. Paul Seastrand an Elizabeth Steele, Deaconness) will b present, plus the Director of the Study Dr. Paul Nelson. A report from th hearing will be submitted to the full Tas Force. (A report to the ELCA will b available from the Director in 1990.)

All interested persons, lay or clergy are welcome to participate in the hearing The end result of the study will be a ne ministry document for the ELCA, answerin questions about the status of ordaine ministry, associates in ministry, and th ministry of the laity.

1989 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The first biennial assembly of the EL will be held August 23-30 in Chicago. O synod is represented by 11 delegates:

Bishop Lowell Knutson
Rev. Isaiah Chow, Bethel Chinese, Seattl
Rev. Richard Christensen, Faith, Bellingham
Sandy Denoff, Kent, Kent
Rev. Diane Hastings, Trinity, Lynnwood
M.B. "Buzz" Kahn, Cross of Christ, Bellevue
Johnnie McKinley, St. Mark's, Seattle
John Paul Olafson, Gethsemane, Seattle
Clayton Olsen, Central, Everett
Marcia Riggers, Christ, Edmonds
David Swartling, Bethany, Bainbridge Is.

Please remember these delegates and th assembly in your prayers. The Augu issue of The Lutheran will preview t agenda of the assembly; the Septemb issue will report on its work. F updates on assembly business, call 1-80 CWA-ELCA (1-800-292-3522) August 23-30.

RETIRED LCA BISHOP DIES

The Rev. Kenneth May, retired Bishop the W.PA/W.VA Synod (LCA) died on July His funeral was held at St. Joh Lutheran Church of Highland in Pittsbur The family address is 10555 Landau Dri Wexford, PA 15090.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

PARENTING WORKSHOP

St. Luke Medical Center in Bellevue announces the availability of a Parenting Workshop entitled "Growing Stress Proof Children and Teens". For information on scheduling this workshop, contact Rick Goudzwaard at 455-5515.

PASTORS' RETREAT: "PASTOR AS PERSON"

Counseling Associates of Lynnwood is offering this 2-day retreat for pastors on "being human" in the pastoral ministry. It will be held Sept. 12-13 at Camp Casey Conference Center in Coupeville. Dr. Charles Davis, pastoral counselor, will facilitate. Tuition is $35, and partial scholarships are available. Limited to 10 participants. Call 778-8622.

SYNOD STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

The synod Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a 2-day conference for the purpose of discussing the theme, "Stewardship as a Way of Life". The conference is built around our personal stewardship rather than a "how to" for congregational stewardship programs. The objective is to have an intensive study of the theological and Biblical fundamentals of personal and corporate stewardship. The Rev. Bob Armstrong of Region I will lead the conference. He brings considerable experience as a stewardship expert, and a wealth of practical knowledge on how to make stewardship a lifestyle.

When: Sept. 15-16
Time: 7 pm Friday - 5 pm Saturday
Cost: $43.00 per person (lodging, conference materials, breakfast and lunch)
$20.00 for commuters
Where: Lutheran Bible Institute

Registration deadline Sept. 1; limited to 60 people. Questions? Call John Breen during the day at 524-2322.

STRESS FREE ON THE SEA

You are invited by St. Luke Medical Center in Bellevue to a relaxing "day away" for clergy, spouses, lay staff and laity. Experience a unique "mini-retreat" on Saturday, Sept. 23, aboard the stately 65-foot cruiser, "The Gallant Lady". Enjoy the sights and sounds of picturesque Puget Sound while learning to handle your stress. The theme is "Stress to Serenity", a guided, lively discussion focusing on inner peace, tranquility and nourishment of your inner life. Call Rick Goudzwaard for details, 455-5515.

SEARCH TRAINING

Fall training events for congregational leaders are listed below. These training weekends are for new SEARCH congregations, as well as those already trained. Faculty will be Buzz Kahn, Pat Moylan, and Marcia Olson. Contact Marcia at 937-3765 for details.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1--Lutherhaven, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Oct. 20-22--The Cedars Retreat, east of Portland

CHURCH SECRETARIES SEMINAR

All church/parish secretaries are invited to a one-day seminar, "Servants of the Servant", on Thursday Oct. 5, at Lutheran Bible Institute. Because of the generic nature of the presentations, the seminar is open to church secretaries from all denominations. Topics will include "Church Communications", "Counseling Suggestions for the Non-Counselor", "Techniques of Office Management", and "Church Security".

Registration fee is $20. Contact Sandy Denoff, 255-5910 to sign up.

NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL COUNSELORS

The theme for the Oct. 20-21 fall conference is "A Theology of Inclusion for Pastoral Counselors: Continuing the Dialogue". The pastoral counselors of AAPC are especially interested in inviting people who are doing pastoral counseling in any setting, particularly those who are not affiliated with AAPC who work from a perspective of spiritual vision and faith, to join them for this event.

It will be held at St. Mary's Conference Center in Toledo, WA. For more information on accommodations, call 692-9524, or program, (503) 873-8341.

"SECOND TUESDAY" LECTURE SERIES

Presbyterian Counseling Service is again offering this popular lecture series for therapists, pastoral counselors and clergy. In its 10th year, the series brings mental health and pastoral counseling communities together to hear a variety of expert speakers. Cost for the series of 8 lectures is $70 (or $60 before Sept. 1). Single-lecture cost is $12 (or $10 before Sept. 1). Lectures are held on the second Tuesday of each month, October through May, 10 a.m. to noon at Ravenna Blvd. Presbyterian Church, Seattle. To register, call 527-2266.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Association of Professional Lay Ministers
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

APLM NATIONAL CONVENTION

"Commissioned to Serve" is the theme of the APLM national convention to be held Aug. 20-23, preceding the Churchwide Assembly, to be held at the Yahara Center, Madison, WI. Sherry Kiefel of Our Savior, Issaquah, is the APLM President. Speakers will include Bishop Lowell Mays, South-Central Wisconsin Synod; Rev. Corinne Chilstrom, Chicago; Dr. Paul Nelson, Director of the ELCA Study of Ministry; and Madelyn Busse, ELCA Director of Candidacy for Associates in Ministry. Dr. Harland Swiggum, creator of the Bethel Bible study series, will serve as Bible study leader.

500 YEARS OF RUSSIAN CHORAL MUSIC

The Vladimir Chamber Choir, "a marvelous expression of the Russian soul," will present a special Friendship Concert with the Seattle Peace Chorus and The Sound of the Northwest:

Sept. 8--St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle
1245-10th Ave. East
Sept. 9--Gethsemane Lutheran, Seattle
911 Stewart St.

Donation $10; $6 students and seniors. Tickets available by phone, 525-6919. Presented by the Seattle Peace Chorus, in cooperation with Alaska Airlines and the Goodwill Exchange Program of the 1990 Goodwill Games.

LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSN. CONFERENCE

The LCLA national conference will be held Oct. 13-14 at Normandale Lutheran in Minneapolis. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Corinne Chilstrom. Many classes and workshops will offered. Call the synod office for a copy of the registration information.

MISSION EVENT: "WALKING THE ROAD TOGETHER"

The Institute for Mission in the USA and the Southwestern Indian Ministry of LSS of the Southwest are sponsoring this special week-long educational event for Lutheran pastors and lay persons concerned for the church's ministry with Native Americans on Oct. 15-20. This event will be held in southern Arizona on the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Details in the synod office.

WANT ADS

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN SOUGHT

Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland is seeking a full-time staff chaplain to join the Pastoral Care Department serving a 330-bed facility. Requires M.Div., ordination, and denominational endorsement. Must have one year CPE, certification with College of Chaplains, and APHA hospital chaplain experience. Send resume by Sept. 15 to Ms. Kandis Miller, Employment Specialist, (503) 280-3788; or Chaplain William Adix (503) 280-4151 at Emanuel Hospital and Health Center, 2801 N. Gantenbein, Portland, OR 97227.

SECRETARIAL POSITIONS

A full-time Office Manager position is open at Holy Trinity, Mercer Island. Salary negotiable; requires computer literacy. Contact Pastor Paul Fauske, 232-3270.

A 2/3rds time church secretary position is open at Trinity, Lynnwood (approx. 27 hours/week). Call 778-3028 or 778-2159 as soon as possible.

The Synod Office is seeking to add a part-time office person to the staff. The specifics of the job would be negotiated with Donene Blair, Office Administrator. General parameters include:

-An average of 15-18 hours/week, consisting of 12 regularly scheduled hours, and the balance dependent on the needs of the office (coverage for vacation relief and "comp" time).

-Knowledge and interest in the dynamics of the church.

-Ability to be the "voice of the synod" and to handle a variety of phone requests and issues presented.

-Word processing skill (or interest in developing same). Word Perfect and dBaseIII+ are in use.

-Commitment to confidentiality.

-Ability to work with others, including volunteers.

-Salary range: $7.50-8.50/hour benefits as detailed in the provisional Synod Personnel Policies.

-FLEXIBILITY! While some duties will be routine, the majority of the work will depend on cycles in the Synod calendar.

Resumes may be sent to the Synod Office 5519 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle, WA 98103-5899 by August 31. The Synod Personnel Committee will conduct the screening and interviews.

MORE WANT ADS

A REQUEST FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Pastors Jon Magnuson (UW) and Jim Stender (WWU) have an important request of all Lutheran congregations in SW and NW Washington. They would like the name and address of one person in each congregation assigned to gather names and addresses of all your college students.

This information is timely and central to campus ministry. For example, 75% of all students at Western Washington University come from Tacoma north, and 87% live along the I-5 corridor. Campus pastors will have better success with names of students received before classes begin on Sept. 24th. Please send this information to Pastor Stender at the Shalom Center, 102 Highland Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225; 733-3400.

POSITION OPEN IN PENDLETON, OREGON

A full-time position is available for an Admin Asst/Christian Education and Youth Coordinator at Peace Lutheran, 811 NW Carden, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801. Contact Pastor Mark Egertson, (503) 276-7592.

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Our Saviour's Lutheran, Bremerton is seeking an organist/choir director. Contact the Worship & Music Committee, 1015 Veneta Ave., Bremerton, WA 98301, Betty Lathrop, Chairperson.

CUSTODIAN

There is an opening for a part-time custodian at Prince of Peace in north Seattle. Call 363-8100 for details.

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

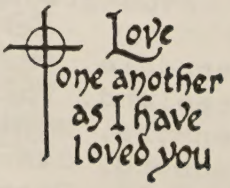
The Synod Office has a copy of the job description for Coordinator of Volunteer Ministries for St. Philip Lutheran in Raleigh, NC (salaried). Send resume to PO Box 58385, Raleigh, NC 27658.

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

LSS of the Virgin Islands announces a volunteer opportunity at the Queen Louise Home for Children. Single or married couples (no dependents) needed for live-in parents for children, ages 4-12. Room, board, days off in apartment off-grounds, small salary plus travel allowance. For information write CLH at Box 866, Frederiksted, St. Croix, USVI 00841-0866 or call (809) 772-4099.

SYNOD/ REGIONAL FAMILY

Ted Hutchinson has joined the Region I staff as the new Director of Multicultural Ministries. Welcome, Ted! . . . Please welcome more new 1989-90 interns to our synod: Laurel Alexander, Cross of Christ, Bellevue; William Sladek, Immanuel, Seattle . . .Steve and Barb Olson became the proud parents of a daughter, Kari Lee on July 27 . . . Kari Petrasek (daughter of Phil and Linda) has been chosen honorary bat girl for the Sept. 7 Mariners baseball game! . . . Seattle Lutheran High School has opened "Saint Anne's Thrift" at 2727 California SW, Seattle, with 100% of the profit going to the school . . . The youth of Trinity, Lynnwood will experience an exciting time at their Neah Bay Summer Work Project August 20-27. They will work and live at Neah Bay, doing maintenance for a new Head Start program and for the Makah Lutheran church, plus learning about the Native American culture. The ELCA churchwide office will include filming from this project in a new youth ministry video . . . We offer our best wishes and congratulations to Mike Anderson who will marry Patricia Lee at Holy Spirit, Kirkland, on August 19 . . . We also announce the June 21 marriage of Wendell and Judy Staakestad . . . Recent transfers into our synod include Richard G. Christensen from the B.C. Canada Synod, C. James Clement (retired) from Southwestern Washington Synod, John Clauson from Southwestern Washington Synod, Terry Thomas from South-Central Wisconsin Synod, and Carl Mau from Metro Washington D.C. Synod . . . We are thankful for the recovery of Jan Nesse from gall bladder surgery . . . the WELCA of Shepherd of the Hills, Concrete served dinner to 113 bicyclers in July, raising $550, which was matched by $450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, Branch 8444. The matching funds will buy carpet for offices and other areas at Camp Lutherwood . . . Please remember in prayers Marion Voxland of the EWA/ID Synod, whose father passed away on August 9. Memorial gifts may be sent to Marion's home church, Holden Lutheran, RT 3, Kenyon, MN 55946.



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CALENDAR

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4	OFFICE CLOSED--LABOR DAY
13	Initial Interview Training, Denny Park
13	Interim Workshop Training, Christ, Federal Way
13	Executive Committee, St. John, Seattle
14	Youth Committee, 4 pm, Trinity, Lynnwood
14	Lutheran Public Policy, 7 pm, Calvary, Federal Way
15-16	STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE, LBI
15-16	Region I Candidacy Committee, Denny Park
16	Leadership Support Committee, 9 am, Trinity, Lynnwood
16	LSSW Social Ministry Leadership Brunch, 9 am, St. John, Seattle
17	South King Cluster, 2 pm, Lakeridge, Seattle
18	Fall Assembly, Church Council of Gr. Seattle
22-23	Regional Coordinating Council, LBI, Issaquah
25-28	THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, Holden Village
29-30	Synod Council Retreat, LOMA, Issaquah
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1	Joint Cluster Assembly--NE Seattle and Central Seattle, 3 pm, Gethsemane
1	Sno-King Cluster Assembly, 5:30 pm, Christ, Edmonds

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AUGUST '89

CALLS ACCEPTED	LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor	
William B. Humphreys	Ebenezer, Lake Stevens (Asst)	08/15/89
Janice E. Nesse	First/Richmond Beach	09/01/89
Anne L. Morawski	St. John, Seattle	09/10/89
John N. Clauson	Nativity, Renton	09/16/89
Terry C. Thomas	Faith, Redmond	10/01/89

INSTALLATIONS		
William B. Humphreys	Ebenezer, Lake Stevens	08/20/89
Janice E. Nesse	First/Richmond Beach	09/10/89
Anne M. Morawski	St. John, Seattle	09/10/89
John N. Clauson	Nativity, Renton	09/17/89
Terry C. Thomas	Faith, Redmond	10/22/89

ORDINATIONS		
William B. Humphreys	Cupertino, CA	08/06/89
Janice E. Nesse	Maple Leaf, Seattle	08/26/89

RESIGNATION		
Richard A. Cavens	Trinity, Everett	08/21/89

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS
CP=Congregational Profile
NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim
I=Interviewing C=Calling

Ferndale, Christ	I	Robert Johnson, Pastor
Freeland, Trinity	C	Clair Grube, Int
Kenmore, Northlake	NV	Sonja Johnson, Int
Redmond, Sammamish Hills (A)	CP	Richard Nieman, Pastor
Seattle, Denny Park	CP	Robert Schultz, Int